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Letter dated 29 April 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to submit to you herewith a declaration by the Government of Burundi concerning the current security situation in Burundi (see annex).

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Albert **Shingiro**
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General Secretariat of the Government of Burundi

Communiqué from the Government of Burundi concerning the current security situation

1. The Government of Burundi hereby informs the nation and the international community that the country is at peace, despite an insurgency that erupted in some parts of the city of Bujumbura following the irresponsible calls from several civil society organizations to oppose the decision of the National Council for the Defence of Democracy-Forces for the Defence of Democracy (CNDD-FDD) to nominate the current President of the Republic as its candidate for the presidential elections scheduled for 29 June 2015.

2. The Government of Burundi notes that what the organizers called "peaceful demonstrations" quickly turned into an insurgency marked by violence, the use of firearms, the lynching or execution of people opposed to the movement, and violent provocations against law enforcement.

3. The Government of Burundi reiterates its appreciation for the contents of the statement issued on the eve of the CNDD-FDD party convention by the diplomatic corps accredited in Bujumbura, which called on political parties and civil society organizations to refrain from any act of violence. Nevertheless, the Government of Burundi hopes that, beyond issuing statements, the international community will unequivocally condemn the insurgency and take measures against those responsible for the insurrectional movement, which is placing a severe strain on the nation of Burundi and has sowed fear among some Burundians, forcing them into exile.

4. The Government of Burundi hereby informs the nation and the international community of the establishment of a crisis committee that will propose all measures to bring about peace and calm in the areas where the insurgency is taking place, to ensure that the campaigns for municipal and legislative elections can begin in a climate of peace.

5. The Government of Burundi expresses its sincere condolences to the families that have lost children, friends or relatives during this insurrection, reiterates its solidarity with injured police officers and reaffirms its determination to ensure the security of persons and property throughout the country using all means at its disposal.

6. The Government of Burundi calls on the international community to maintain its support for the electoral process, which is the only way to guarantee peace, consolidate democracy and promote national reconciliation, on behalf of all Burundians.

7. The Government of Burundi notes with regret that certain political parties of the opposition as well as certain civil society organizations still intend to encourage

the insurgent movement with the aim of preventing the holding of elections, a situation that would bring about the transitional government they fervently desire.

8. The Government of Burundi recalls that compliance with the laws in force and the legal mechanisms for demands of a political nature is not negotiable and that those who break the law will be brought to justice. The Government is committed to continuing dialogue with all parties involved in the electoral process in order to maintain a favourable climate for elections.

Done at Bujumbura on 29 April 2015

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